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Various sugar related articles

The Executive Director would like to draw your attention to the articles below all of which are relevant to the sugar sector.

Sugaronline Ebriefing

POLAND: Suedzucker Polska's sugar factory starts production of biogas from beet pulp

Suedzucker Polska's Strzelin sugar factory is now producing biomethane from sugarbeet pulp to cover its energy demand and feed the surplus into the gas grid, according to a statement released by the company on Nov. 11.

The new biogas plant was inaugurated at the Strzelin site in early September.

In early September, Suedzucker Polska inaugurated the new biogas plant at the Strzelin site, making it the first biomethane plant in Poland to be connected to the gas distribution network.

Suedzucker Polska and the Polish gas company Polska Spółka Gazownictwa built a 9-kilometre section of gas pipeline to support the new infrastructure.

The biogas plant has the capacity to produce over 9,000 cubic metres (m³) of biogas per hour. Local farmers use the project's digestate from biogas production as a high-quality organic fertiliser.

"Expanding the biogas plant and significantly increasing its capacity is another key milestone in our energy transformation. The current beet campaign is powered up to 80% by biogas, bringing us closer to full energy independence," Suedzucker Polska's CEO Mariusz Pawelek said in a statement.

VIETNAM: E10 to be available nationwide from June 2026

Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT) has said in a new circular that E10 biofuel blending should be available nationwide from June 2026, according to VnEconomy.

The current E5, containing 5% ethanol, is also expected to remain available through the end of 2030.

The MoIT said the use of biodiesel B5 and B10 will not be mandatory for diesel engines at this stage.

INDIA: Government considers raising MSP and ethanol rates – news report

India's government is considering increasing the minimum selling price (MSP) of sugar to support mills with surplus stocks, according to Reuters, citing government and industry sources on Nov.

19.

The government may also increase the price that local oil companies pay for ethanol purchased from sugar mills for petrol blending.

These measures aim to help mills prevent losses and ensure they can pay the government-mandated prices for sugarcane to farmers.

MALAYSIA: Minister says government has no plans to extend sugar tax to fresh drinks

Malaysia's Health minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad has said the government has no plans to extend the sugar-sweetened beverage tax to freshly prepared beverages, according to the New Straits Times.

He said the government's Healthier Dining Program (HDP), which targets restaurant chains, already covers food and beverages that are freshly prepared or brewed on-site. Through this program, products that meet healthy nutrition criteria receive a logo that helps consumers identify healthier food and beverage choices.

BRAZIL: Ministry of Mines and Energy opens public consultation on regulation for SAF production

The Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) announced on Nov. 14 a public consultation to support the establishment of a regulatory framework for the production, certification and use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) in the country, reports Sugaronline.

The proposal aligns Brazil with the CORSIA standards for SAF production, defining eligibility requirements, traceability, and emission reduction targets.

It also aims to encourage investment in the national advanced biofuel supply chain, offering regulatory predictability for producers, distributors, and air operators.

The Minister of Mines and Energy said that the goal is to position Brazil as a major global supplier of SAF.

Minister of Mines and Energy Alexandre Silveira said that regulation is key to increasing the competitiveness of industry, reducing emissions and creating new economic opportunities.

"We are creating clear, safe and modern rules for strategic sectors of the Brazilian economy. SAF will be fundamental to ensuring that Brazil continues to lead the energy transition in a sustainable and fair way, generating jobs," he said in a press [statement](#) released Nov. 14.

Comments and suggestions to the public consultation can be [submitted](#) until Dec. 28.

ARGENTINA: Sugar mills conclude 2025 sugarcane crushing season

Sugar mills in Argentina concluded the 2025 sugarcane crushing season on Nov. 15, when the Seaboard mill, in the Salta province, ended activities for the cycle, according to the Tucumán's Institute for the Promotion of Sugar and Alcohol (Ipaat).

Sugar mills in Argentina's sugarcane-producing provinces in Tucumán, Jujuy and Salta crushed [25.08 million metric tonnes](#) of sugarcane in the season and produced 1.83 million tonnes of sugar, according to data released by IPAAT on Nov. 14.

The 2025 sugarcane crushing season in Argentina started on April 10 and lasted 220 days, according to a [statement](#) released by Ipaat on Nov. 14. A total of 19 mills operated during the season, 14 of them in Tucumán and five in Salta and Jujuy.

The alcohol production campaign continues with five distilleries in Tucumán and four in Salta and Jujuy. A total of 528.34 million litres of alcohol had been produced in the country as of Nov. 17.

US: USDA cuts 2025/26 sugar production estimate – WASDE

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has reduced its estimate for the US total sugar supply in the 2025/26 season, driven by a downward revision in total sugar production, according to the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) released on [Nov. 14](#), reports Sugaronline.

The US sugar supply for 2025/26 is now projected at 14.121 million short tonnes, raw value (STRV), a slight decrease from 14.14 million STRV estimated in [September](#), as a reduction in production more than offsets increases in beginning stocks and imports.

Sugar production is projected at 9.319 million STRV, compared to 9.47 million STRV estimated in September, due to lower output estimated for cane production in Louisiana and in overall sugarbeet output.

Projected imports increased by 78,772 STRV to 2.313 million STRV.

Ending stocks are projected at 1.845 million STRV, resulting in an ending stock-to-use ratio of 15.03%.

The USDA expects Mexico's sugar production to reach 5.019 million metric tonnes, a decrease of 75,132 tonnes from its projection in September, as rain and flooding in the states of Puebla, Veracruz, and San Luis Potosi are expected to delay the start of harvest and reduce yields.

FoodNavigator.com**Popstar Robbie Williams warns of GLP-1 vision loss - here's why it matters for F&B**

Vision fears are the next shockwave to hit GLP-1 drugs

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2025/11/17/robbie-williams-blames-vision-loss-on-glp-1-drugs/>

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German industry asks EU to suspend inward processing import system - Company Website - The German Sugar Industry Association (WVZ) is asking the EU to suspend the inward processing system for raw sugar, arguing that it was being used as a loophole to import world market sugar duty free. It stated that 470,000mt of raw sugar and 135,000mt of white sugar had been imported duty-free as of August.

Sugar Rises as Brazil Supply Tapers, Producers Hold Back Sales – Bloomberg - Raw sugar futures climbed in New York as traders weigh expectations for reduced year-end supplies from top exporter Brazil, while producers appear reluctant to sell after a recent price slump. The most-active contract rose as much as 2.4% to 15.05 cents a pound, before paring some gains. That's

still bellow levels seen prior to an October slump, which had taken prices to a five-year low. Brazilian exports had been strong in recent months, but supplies are expected to taper off just as other origins like India and Thailand begin their harvests. That's as the recent slide in sugar prices has encouraged mills to shift more cane toward ethanol production, curbing output of the sweetener.

Indian Sugar Stocks May Gain on Ethanol Price-Hike Report - Bloomberg - Indian sugar producers' shares may climb following a Bloomberg report that the government is considering raising prices for ethanol used for gasoline blending. The move could help sugar mills absorb higher cane prices and ensure timely payments to farmers.